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Amendments to the Claims:

Please amend the claims as shown. Applicant reserves the right to pursue any of the original unamended claims presented in this application at a later date in one or more continuing applications.

1-7. (canceled)

8. (currently amended) A method of tracking turbine components, comprising:

marking a plurality of turbine components with indicia applied to a surface of the components;

placing the marked turbine components in a plurality of turbines;

operating the turbines;

obtaining ~~operational~~ operation data from the turbines via at least one turbine control system;

uploading the operation data from the turbine control systems to a central processing station; and

using the uploaded data at the central processing station to track desired aspects of the marked turbine components.

9. (original) The method of claim 8, wherein the marking identifies a location where at least a portion of the turbine component was manufactured.

10. (original) The method of claim 8, wherein the marking identifies a material composition from which at least a portion of the turbine component was manufactured.

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11. (original) The method of claim 8, wherein the marking identifies a manufacturing step from which at least a portion of the turbine component was manufactured.

12. (original) The method of claim 8, wherein the marking identifies a repair procedure that at least a portion of the turbine component underwent.

13. (original) The method of claim 8, wherein the operational data is selected from the group comprising equivalent base hours and equivalent starts.

14. (original) The method of claim 8, wherein the operational data includes the turbine in which the turbine component is placed.

15. (original) The method of claim 8, wherein the desired aspects of the turbine component includes the remaining life of the turbine component.

16. (original) The method of claim 8, wherein the desired aspect of the turbine component includes a description of the turbine component.

17. (original) The method of claim 8, wherein the turbine is a land based combustion turbine engine.

18. (previously presented) The method of claim 17, wherein the turbine is part of a power plant that produces electricity.

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19. (original) The method of claim 8, wherein the statistical analysis is performed on the operational data to help estimate the cost of a repair operation.

20. (new) The method of claim 8, wherein the markings are readable by a human looking at the surface of the component.